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## Coffee County number one in donations to state's eye bank

On September 18, 1996 the Alabama Eye Bank presented a plaque to the Coffee County Probate Judge's Office for their participation in the Eye Bank donor program. The Probate Judge's office has been instrumental in making the Alabama Eye Bank's donor program a success.

During the 1995 fiscal year over 800 Coffee County residents have become pre-pledged eye donors through the Probate Judge's office. In Alabama one out of every five eyes donated in the past year were donated from Coffee County. St. Clair is the only other county to even come close to Coffee County's record. In fact until Probate Judge Bill Gammill challenged his staff to be Number One, St. Clair has routinely been tops in signing up donors every year since the judges were challenged in 1991 to improve awareness.

The Alabama Eye Bank was formed in 1961 as part of the University of Alabama Hospital, but did little or no tissue procurement for the first ten years. In 1970 there were two recorded cases of tissue being provided for corneal transplants.

However since that time the Alabama Eye Bank has received over 25,000 tissues, of which 83% were donated since 1985. In 1994 alone 1,655 transplants were performed, with a 95% success rate. Other uses for donated tissue include reconstructive surgery (198) and research (366).

Donating became easier and the potential jumped following the 1978 legislative act allowing school trained licensed embalmers to remove eyes for the Eye Bank. Titled the "Embalmers Enucleating Training Act" this led to the training of 100 embalmers throughout Alabama within the first year.

Public awareness and increased donations led to the complete elimination of the corneal transplant waiting list in 1988.

"In 1994, approximately 1,500 people donated (their) eyes to the Alabama Eye Bank. About 60 percent of this tissue was used for corneal transplants and the remainder of the donated tissue was used for reconstructive surgery, research projects, and for teaching ophthalmology students," said Tracy Smith, Director of Public Relations and Human Resources. "Statistics show that the cornea transplant is the most effective type of transplant performed today. Ninety percent of all people blinded by injury or corneal disease who receive this surgery experience restored sight."

Unlike other organ donations which must be made immediately after death, eyes can be taken for up to six hours. After an eye is removed,

lab technicians examine the tissue, excise the cornea and place it in a preservation medium. Delta Airlines then flies the cornea, as a public service, to its destination. Once the "living contact lens" is sown onto the recipient's eye, it becomes part of the eye itself. The sclera tissue can be used in reconstructive surgery and also in the treatment of glaucoma and cataracts.

While most Alabamians will never need a corneal transplant, it is still likely that most will someday benefit directly from the Alabama Eye Bank's work," said Mrs. Smith. "Research tissues provided by the Eye Bank to scientists and ophthalmologists in Alabama and around the world play an indispensable role in the quest for cures for eye diseases," she added.

One reason the Eye Bank is so successful is because of the community support it receives. Alabamians are such giving people, even in a time of ariel. The Probate Judge's Office of Coffee County has shown such support. By educating the public on eye donation they are allowing their citizens the opportunity to help others.



PROBATE OFFICE STAFF members involved in the ongoing eye bank project are pictured above with Probate Judge Bill Gammill and Susan Smith of the Alabama Eye Bank. Holding their award are from left: Nell Harvason, Chris George, Vivian Green, Gloria Tyler, Jane Bryan and Mrs. Smith.

## Community Spirit Day set in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, along with the City of Elba, has set Saturday, October 12, as the beginning for restoration of the old Coffee County Jail.

Plans are for the old jail to be stored to as a museum honoring all law enforcement in Coffee County. The facility will also serve as an office for the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and meeting rooms for various clubs and community activities.

The jail, erected in 1912, is of great historical value to the county. Converting this building into a museum will provide a unique opportunity to display artifacts and historical documents pertaining to the area.

A commemorative tree sponsorship program is being organized for landscaping the area, and the placing

of picnic tables around the museum.

This year's limited edition of the Christmas ornament will be the jail, with proceeds going toward the restoration of the facility. These should be available for purchase by October 12, 1996.

A gigantic community flea market-yard sale at Worth Tent is also being organized.

T-shirts commemorating this event (October 12) are being designed by All Star Sports and will be available for purchase (proceeds going for restoration) on October 12.

Anyone wishing to make suggestions or share ideas on making this a successful event on October 12 should call the chamber office at 897-3125.

Those wishing to participate in this worthwhile cause should plan to be at the jail at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, with rakes, brooms, elbow grease, and excitement for making this dream come true.

Chamber Executive Director Barbara Hudson stated, "With all of us working together, this will be something the whole community will be proud of."

Bullard Contracting Company has been contracted to sandblast the entire building - inside and outside. The work is set to begin immediately and should be completed by October 10.



IT'LL LOOK BETTER AFTER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

## HAPPENINGS

**IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL** Elba Tigers are at home against Headland; Zion Chapel will host Lyman Ward; Kinston plays G. W. Long in Kinston; New Brockton is at home against Red Level; and Brantley plays host to Luverne. Kick-off time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

**CITY OFFICIALS TO BE SWORN IN.** The swearing in of the City of Elba's newly elected officials is scheduled for Monday, October 7, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. The Honorable Thomas E. Head is to conduct the ceremony. Refreshments will be served afterwards and the public is invited and urged to attend. New Brockton's council members are set to take the oath of office at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening in the council's chamber in New Brockton's city hall.

**LINE DANCING & EXERCISE.** There will be line dancing and exercise at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center each Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The fee for the teacher is \$3. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun.

**DIABETES CLINIC.** Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home will be offering educational classes on managing diabetes on the third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The classes, which are open to the public, will provide instruction regarding changes in diet and insulin to accommodate exercise and stress, and complications of diabetes and its prevention or treatment. Classes will be held in the hospital cafeteria. For more information contact Cindy Murphy, CMD at 897-2257 ext. 250.

**PTO SPONSORING.** The Elba PTO is sponsoring the Fall Festival at the Elba Elementary School on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Black & Gold Show starts at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00.

## Forty-seven criminal cases set for trial

The Criminal Jury Docket, Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division has been set for Friday, October 4, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. with the Honorable Thomas E. Head III, presiding.

The docket will be called on Friday, October 4 with trials beginning on Monday, October 7.

On the docket are 49 cases involving 30 individuals; however, a plea day was held on Wednesday, September 18, and two of the cases involving one individual were settled.

William O. Martin, who was charged with a felony DUI and driving while revoked, plead guilty and was sentenced. He was given a 2 year suspended sentence on the DUI and a 10 day suspended sentence on the driving while revoked charge.

Martin will be under 2 years supervised probation.

The following is a listing of the cases that are set for trial. They are:

Spencer Owen Ziglar  
Ziglar is charged with manslaughter.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Debra Ann Rogers  
She is charged with theft of property in the second degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
William Allen Marx  
He is charged with two counts of receiving stolen property in the first degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Christopher Nelson  
Nelson is charged with rape in the first degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Rudolph Kyles  
Kyles faces the charge of assault in the second degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Dennis Harper, Jr.  
He is charged with rape in the first degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Stanley Lewis Gatlin  
Gatlin is facing the charge of theft of property in the first degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Randy Burks  
He is charged with burglary in the third degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Joey Christopher Preston  
Preston is charged with burglary in the first degree.

Willie James Daniels  
Daniels is charged with rape in the first degree and assault in the first degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Robert M. McDonald  
He is charged with sexual abuse in the first and second degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Michelle Daugherty  
Daugherty is charged with theft of property in the second degree.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Shelly Cunningham  
She faces the charge of a felony DUI.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Adam Davis  
Davis has been charged with murder.

State of Alabama  
Vs  
Eric Woodrow Boykin  
He is charged with burglary in the third degree.

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## Elba observes Natural Gas Week

The Southeast Alabama Gas District announced Tuesday its support of "Natural Gas Week."

The City of Elba has also shown its support by proclaiming October 6 through October 11, 1996 as Natural Gas Week in Elba. Mayor Haywood signed the proclamation on Tuesday morning.

Natural Gas Week, which is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry, is intended to help increase public awareness of the advantages of natural gas.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District is a publicly-owned natural gas system which serves some 15 towns and cities (Elba is one of these) in southeast Alabama.

The proclamation stated that the progress of this entire area is greatly influenced by the Southeast Alabama Gas District, making affordable energy available for home and industry.

Not only is natural gas among the cleanest fuels available, it's also among the most affordable.

"The Southeast Alabama Gas District is pleased and excited to be able to participate in this important effort," said Southeast Alabama Gas District manager, James H. Smith.

A number of activities are planned for the Southeast Alabama Gas District's observance of Natural Gas Week.

An Open House at all three divisional offices will be the big event. Open house will be held at the Dethan office, Wednesday, October 9; the Enterprise office Thursday, Oc-

tober 10; and at the Andalusia office Friday, October 11.

Cookouts on gas grills, truck load grill sale, special sale prices on appliances and door prize drawings will keep it interesting for those in attendance.

The sale prices will be good in all fifteen Southeast Alabama Gas District offices, but Open House will be observed in the three divisional offices mentioned above.

Everyone is invited to attend and take advantage of the special prices. Persons wishing additional information on Natural Gas Week are encouraged to contact the Southeast Alabama Gas District at any time.



PROCLAMATION SIGNED...Pictured above is Mayor Ricky Haywood as he signs the proclamation proclaiming October 6-11 as Natural Gas Week in Elba. Joining Haywood are: seated (l-r): Randy Castleberry, Southeast Alabama Gas District; Mayor Haywood; and John Waylon Sharpless, Elba City Councilman and president of the Southeast Alabama Gas District Board of Directors; standing - Henry Clark, Elba City Clerk; and Buddy Manning, Southeast Alabama Gas District-Elba office.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The Alabama Supreme Court will be in session in Enterprise, Friday, Oct. 11. The state's high court will convene promptly at 10 a.m. in the SSJC student center and hear oral arguments in two cases - one criminal and one civil. The public is invited to attend. Alabama Supreme Court Justice Terry Burts is a former resident of Elba, AL, and a former circuit judge in the 12th Judicial Circuit.

A motion to dismiss a suit challenging the constitutionality of a jury selection law affecting Coffee County has been denied. On September 20, special assignment Coffee County Circuit Judge William G. Hightower denied the amended motion to dismiss and ordered the case to be tried on Friday, October 11, 1996. The trial is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Elba Courthouse as previously scheduled.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

State pensions for elected officials will be on the ballot in Alabama in November. We don't like this one bit... at a time when the majority of people in the branch have favor term limits, this comes along. However, many people far more knowledgeable than this stump jumper are saying it is better than what we now have. They are referring to the "superannuated everything" which gives many public officials retirement pay without their contributing anything. The burden on county governments will get worse as more and more of these folks get on the dole at taxpayer's expense. There is a better way, but lawmakers with an interest in feathering their own nest would never approve it, therefore we will probably vote for the thing also.

Money, money, money. The *Forbes* magazine list of the 400 richest people was released this week. The average net worth of these 400 people is a cool \$1 billion each. They range from Bill Gates (Microsoft) with \$18.5 billion... that is an increase of about \$4 billion in one year... to a 28 year old software developer worth \$500 million. The list is rounded out with some lightweights who have only \$400 million. Why are we even wasting time and space with this trivia? In addition to this list, we suspect there are many who are satisfied with their money and are quietly counting it without sending out financial statements to the magazines. It is doubtful any will spill over to us working grunts, but let's just dream a bit!

Monday morning a new administration takes over at the Elba city hall. Swearing in ceremonies are set for 9 A.M. Rumors are flying about just who will be getting the various appointments. Actually, those things haven't been decided yet... not for sure. The organizational meeting of the new mayor and city council members is scheduled for Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M. After that, they can either confirm our rumors or correct them.

The battle for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Howell is going hot and heavy. The part being seen from this corner is the daily fax machine fight. Those folks (Roger Bedford and Jeff Sessions) are going to break up more than one news organization with the volume of pages being sent out each day. If one fax comes in from candidate A at 9:00 in the morning, there will be a response or denial by 11:00 from candidate B. Once or twice during the week they will double up and send out a second response or another counter claim. The saving grace is that fax paper can be purchased in volume from wholesale houses a bit cheaper than from some retail sources!

## Flu/Pneumonia Shot Clinics

The Coffee County Health Department will hold special walk-in clinics on the following dates and times. No appointments will be necessary on these dates and times only:

October 25, 1996, 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. and October 29, 1996, 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Medicare will cover the cost of these eligible for Part B. Please bring Medicare Card. For all others there will be a fee of \$5.00 for Flu and \$5.00 for Pneumonia Vaccines. Both shots may be taken the same day.

Who should get Influenza and Pneumonia Vaccinations? All people 65 years of age or older, adults and children with long-term heart or lung problems, and those of any age with other chronic illnesses such as kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia, or severe asthma. Also, people of any age who have a type of cancer or immunological disorder that lowers the body's normal resistance to infections. HIV/AIDS patients should get the Flu and Pneumonia shots.

## MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-3375. Corrections will appear promptly in this space.

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**FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM...nearing completion.** Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CPRWMA (Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority), and the contractor installing the system, Two-Way Radio, met with City of Elba and EMA officials to brief them on the status of the flood warning system - ALERT (Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time). The system is scheduled to be fully operational within the next two months. Once it's "on-line," the fourteen monitoring stations will transmit information which will help pinpoint areas of heavy rainfall and areas which should be concerned about flooding. Pictured above is the group inspecting the monitoring station located at the Pea River Bridge on U.S. Hwy. 84 in Elba. A formal dedication ceremony of the system is being scheduled and will be announced in the near future.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 24 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, September 24, 1996, investigated the following incidents: three thefts, five harassments, one burglary, three criminal trespasses, and one harassing communication.

The following arrest was made during the week: one for harassment. No traffic citations were issued during the week.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** - River stage 3.2 feet (6:15 a.m.); River stage - 3.10 feet (6:40 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** - Prowler reported at a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (12:47 a.m.); Prowler reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (2:41 a.m.); Alarm at Taylor Park (2:41 a.m.); River stage - 3.10 feet (6:40 a.m.); Burglary of mobile home reported at a residence on Plant Ave. (6:41 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** - Prowler reported at a residence on Pineapple Dr. (6:34 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** - River stage - 3.49 feet (6:39 a.m.); Prowler reported at Bullard Apts. (9:56 p.m.); Alarm at the Texaco Station (10:14 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported at Powell Trailer Court on Caroline St. (12:00 a.m.).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** - Disturbance (loud music) reported at Powell Trailer Court on Caroline St. (1:31 a.m.); Possible burglary reported on N. Clanton Ave. (1:38 a.m.); Fight reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Park (3:21 a.m.); River stage - 3.36 feet (6:23 a.m.);

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** - Prowler reported at Mullins Apts. (2:21 a.m.); River stage - 4.37 feet (6:35 a.m.); Burglary reported on Thomas St. (9:39 p.m.).

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** - Possible burglary reported in Kenneby Estates (2:11 a.m.); River stage - 4.74 feet (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to the Ranch House Restaurant (6:39 a.m.).

The Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 24 through September 30, 1996:

They were: Walter Moore, Monie Mary, Melissa Hughes, Andrew Stoudemire, Kathryn Cole, Ed Marshall, Marvin Lindsey, James Smithers, Brenda Johnson, Annice Emory, Oretta Bilotta, Mary Iverson, Carol Walden, Ebin Cossan, Sheila Callaway, Dustin Rhoades, Krystal Edwards, Elizabeth Bass, Doug Armstrong, W. B. Baldwin, and Aliene English.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: James Smithers, Nancy Rhodes, Ina Hudson, Victoria Robbins, Cory Richardson, Dot Zimmerman, Hayden F. Henson, Gregory Seal, Billy Daniels, Farrah Morrow, Shiley Daniels, Susie Fleming, Kathryn Cole, Brenda Johnson, Britney Arnett, Edd Marshall, Walter Spencer, Andrew Stoudemire, Melissa Hughes, Sherry Soares Oretta Bilotta, Doug Armstrong, Carol Walden, Ebin Cossan, Mary Iverson, Marvin Lindsey, and Sheila Callaway.

## Bulletin Board

SS. REP. - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30, Civil FREE 1:30-2:30

BOATERS CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - Pine Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA MONTWOLLY ASEN - Tues. - 4:00-5:00 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LEON'S CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

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## Back to school: Electoral College review

Which sitting U.S. president received a majority of popular votes, but still lost his re-election bid?

It was 1888 when President Grover Cleveland won the popular election by 95,713 votes. However, he was not re-elected to office because he received 65 fewer electoral college votes than his opponent, Benjamin Harrison. As a result, Harrison, a former senator from Indiana and grandson of President William Henry Harrison, was elected as the 23rd President of the United States.

Such instances highlight the important role the electoral college plays in choosing a president. With November, it is worthwhile to examine this procedure set up by the founding fathers that continues to serve our nation well.

The electoral college was established as a compromise between election of the president by Congress and election by popular vote. The college today has 538 electors, based on the number of representatives and senators, plus three electors for the District of Columbia. With seven congressional districts plus two senators, Alabama is allowed nine electors.

The states of possible electors are generally chosen by the political parties. Laws governing the appointment of electors vary from state to state. Then, in the general election, which is always the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, electors are voted on in the states. This year that day will fall on November 5th.

After the election, the states prepare a list of the electors for the candidate who receives the most popular votes. This certificate is forwarded to the National Archives and Records Administration, and in turn to the Office of the Federal Register, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The electors then meet in each state on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, which will be December 16th of this year, to cast their votes. There is no constitutional provision of federal law mandating an elector to vote in accordance with the popular vote in



their state. However, some states have laws providing fines or disqualification for electors who revolt.

Regardless, there have been instances where an elector goes against a state's popular vote. In 1976, a Washington elector pledged to President Gerald Ford voted for Ronald Reagan. A West Virginia elector voted for Senator Lloyd Bentsen as President and for Governor Michael Dukakis as Vice President in 1988.

Congress then meets in joint session in January to conduct the official tally of votes. The Vice President, as President of the Senate, is the presiding officer. Two tellers are appointed to open, present and record the votes of the states in alphabetical order. The results are announced and entered into the Congressional Record. A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the president and vice president.

If no presidential candidate wins a majority of electoral votes, the 12th Amendment to the Constitution provides for the presidential election to be decided by the House of Representatives. The House would select the president by a majority vote, choosing from the three candidates who received the greatest number of electoral votes. Each state delegation would have one vote.

If no vice presidential candidate wins a majority of electoral votes, the Senate would select the vice president by majority vote, with each senator choosing from the two candidates who received the most electoral votes.

After one year, the results are placed in permanent custody of the National Archives. This peaceful transfer of power is a shining testimony of the enduring resilience of our political system, something to be proud of and as you cast your vote in November.

Two siblings preceded her in death.

**JACK LEE**  
Jack Lee, age 59 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, September 25, 1996 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 26, 1996 from the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Haynes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Ann Lee of Elba, AL; his mother, Sally Mae Lee of Dothan, AL; six daughters, Regina Lee of Elba, AL; Joanne Reeves, Donna Brown, and Amanda Lee, all of Troy, AL; Jacques Johnston of Dothan, AL; and Loretta Robinson of Eight Mile, AL; one son, Darwin Wayne Lee of Troy, AL; three step-sons, Steven Gilbert of Clio, AL, and John J. Helton of Elba, AL; his ex-wife, Fay Lee of Elba, AL; two sisters, Janice Senn and Nellie Jo Kilgore, both of Brundidge, AL; two brothers, Jerry Lee of Brundidge, AL, and James Lee of Dothan, AL; 19 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild.

**MICHAEL E. (DOC) HENNE**  
Michael E. (Doc) Henne, age 35 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Friday, September 27, 1996, at his residence after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 30, 1996 from the Frazier Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Earl Andrews, Rev. Joe Lisenby, and Dr. Karl Segall officiating.

Burial followed in the Alabama Heritage Cemetery, with Alabama Heritage Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his father, Rev. Edward D. Henne of Montgomery, AL; his sister, Sharon Blankenship of Orlando, Florida; three uncles, Dr. A. Markow (Dorothy) Henne of Ft. Walton Beach, FL; Leroy (Nan) Hanks of Huntsville, AL; and Wesley (Mary) Hanks of Montgomery, AL; 6 first cousins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Echele H. Henne.

Mr. Henne's father was a former pastor of Elba United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Ann Lee of Elba, AL; his mother, Sally Mae Lee of Dothan, AL; six daughters, Regina Lee of Elba, AL; Joanne Reeves, Donna Brown, and Amanda Lee, all of Troy, AL; Jacques Johnston of Dothan, AL; and Loretta Robinson of Eight Mile, AL; one son, Darwin Wayne Lee of Troy, AL; three step-sons, Steven Gilbert of Clio, AL, and John J. Helton of Elba, AL; his ex-wife, Fay Lee of Elba, AL; two sisters, Janice Senn and Nellie Jo Kilgore, both of Brundidge, AL; two brothers, Jerry Lee of Brundidge, AL, and James Lee of Dothan, AL; 19 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild.

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## AREA DEATHS

### GLADYS LOUISE MOORE

Gladys Louise Moore, age 78 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, September 24, 1996 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Mrs. Moore was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County. Mrs. Moore was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon Moore, and a daughter, Lanelle Hataway.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 26, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Robert Paul officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include one daughter, Clarice Wilkerson of Kinston, AL; two sons, Mack Moore of Elba, AL, and Doug Moore of Birmingham, AL; four sisters, Winnie Dell Foster of Leeds, AL, Bearce Grantham of Columbus, Georgia, Ollie Taylor of Elba, AL, and Ruby Weeks of Kinston, AL; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

**EVA PEARL AMMONS**  
Eva Pearl Ammons, age 85 of Elba, Alabama, died Sunday, September 22, 1996 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 1, 1996 from the Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Mark Griffin and Rev. Raymond Miller officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Hart Thomas of Lillingdon, NC; one son, Lyn Thomas of Lillingdon, NC; two daughters, Kelly Sue Thomas and Joelle Thomas, both of Lillingdon, NC; his parents, Myron L. (Mike) and Thelma Kemp Thomas of Elba, AL; two sisters, Myrna Cowen of Elba, AL and Edith Nelson of Largo, Florida.

**DOUGLAS GIBBS**  
Douglas Gibbs, age 77 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, October 1, 1996 at his home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, AL.

**GAPPA THOMAS (TOMMY) WISE**  
Gappa Thomas (Tommy) Wise, age 63 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Monday, September 30, 1996.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 1996 from the Wise Mill Assembly of God, Elba, AL, with Dr. Phillip Wise officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Leak Memorial Chapel of Montgomery, AL directing.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Wise of Montgomery, AL; one son, Gary T. Wise; two daughters, Rhonda Bliz and Natalie Wise; one step-son, Tate Allen; one step-daughter, Tammy Holcomb, all of Montgomery, AL; three brothers, John B. Wise, Jimmy Wise, and Jack Wise, all of Elba, AL; one sister, Mary Hughes of Andalusia, AL; 7 grandchildren.

**JONATHAN CALEB PILAND**  
Jonathan Caleb Piland, age 5 months 7 days, of Opp, Alabama, died Tuesday, September 17, 1996 in a Birmingham, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 1996 from the Rainer Funeral Home Chapel of Opp, AL with Ministers Elbert Smith and John Holley officiating.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery with Rainer Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his parents, Greg and Kim Piland of Opp, AL; one sister, Katrina Piland of Opp, AL; grandparents, Joyce and Johnny Piland of Opp, AL, Robert and Tina Lolley of Opp, AL, and Donnie Kelly of Cantonment, Florida.

**IN MEMORY OF CALEB PILAND**

Caleb was born to us on April 10, 1996, sent from God to brighten our lives and to bring cheer and laughter in a way that only he could do. He loved to smile and laugh and play with his sister, because she loved him very much. However, for reasons we do not understand now, God took Caleb home on September 17. Even during his short life, he was Caleb lived up to the meaning of his name: Jonathan means "Gift from God" and Caleb means "bold" or "frighter". Though this is the most difficult time of our lives, our family and friends have been so wonderful. With a humble gratitude that words cannot express, we thank you for all the prayers that have been, and continue to be, prayed for us. For without those prayers, we could not bear the pain of losing our son. While our pain is great, we know that our son is in heaven now, praising his Creator. We thank God for allowing us to have him, even for a short while because we know we will see him again in heaven one day. And so, from the bottom of our hearts, we love and appreciate each one who has supported us.

Thank you once again, Greg & Kim Piland

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## OTTO LUENING DEAD AT AGE 86

### Noted musical leader left mark on world

Otto Luening, the composer, conductor, flutist, teacher, author, pioneer in electronic music and tireless advocate of contemporary music died in New York City on September 2, 1996.

In October a Memorial Concert honoring his life and his works will be presented at Columbia University in New York. On September 5, 1959 Otto Luening and his wife Catherine, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brunson, were married at the Brunson family home, The Hill, in Elba, Alabama.

Mr. Luening was born into a musical family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 15, 1910. In his youth he moved with his parents to Europe where he studied piano, theory and flute at the Conservatory in Munich. He made his professional debut there as a flutist at age sixteen.

Before returning to the United States, he enrolled in the Zurich Conservatory and played flute in the Tonhalle Orchestra under the direction of Richard Strauss and Arthur Nikisch and took private lessons with the noted and visionary composer Ferruccio Busoni. During these early years he served as stage manager and acted with the James Joyce English Players.

Upon his return to the United States, Mr. Luening became the conductor of the American Opera Company in Chicago. He played flute in chamber ensembles, taught music theory and was later appointed to the music faculty of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York where he served as opera conductor, vocal coach and director of the opera department.

When he later moved to New York City he was granted a Guggenheim Fellowship and was commissioned by the American Opera Company to compose his opera *Evangelina*. In 1932 Mr. Luening became a professor at the University of Arizona and in 1934 he headed the music department at Bennington College in Vermont. In 1944 he became chairman of the music department at Barnard College in New York where he conducted the premiers of many new American operas, including his own. In 1949 he was appointed Professor of Music at Columbia University. His graduate seminars in composition produced a large body of accomplished and stylistically diverse composers. Luening and a colleague, Vladimir Ussachevsky, established the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Center in 1959. Throughout his career Otto Luening was a strong proponent

of music education. In 1968 he was named Professor Emeritus at Columbia University and served as Music Chairman of the School of the Arts until his retirement in 1970. Since that time he taught at Juilliard and continued to compose, guest conduct and serve as visiting composer on many college campuses, including a program of his music at the Enterprise Junior College, sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance, in 1981.

Mr. Luening said that his music grew out of his "total experience" and in 1980 published his autobiography *"The Odyssey of an American Composer"* (Charles Scribner's Sons), a lively account of that experience and the people encountered along the way, really a summary of the musical scene in the twentieth century.



## Social & Community Happenings

Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds September meeting at The Elba Public Library

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 5, 1996 at the Elba Public Library. Mrs. Bette Ham and Mrs. Carolyn Brunson served as hostesses. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Charles Kennett, Mrs. Ham presided at the meeting.

The speaker for the day was Mrs. Margaret Calhoun who has been actively involved in establishing a bird sanctuary on the campus of the Elba schools. She presented a video which was made as the area was being cleared. She also discussed in detail plans for developing the sanctuary into a functional plot for the use of school classes as well as for clubs and individuals. Various VCR tapes and books on the subject of birds have been added to the school library.

Mrs. Barbara Hudson made a quick report to the club on status and future plans of the Chamber of Commerce. One significant item was the advanced date of November 30 for the Christmas Festival. An

announcement was made of the donation to the Garden Club of hundreds of daily bulbs by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shaw. These bulbs have been planted at the hospital, the senior citizens building, and at the gazebo on the square.

Mrs. Ham presided over the business session at which time officers and committees reported, thus setting the direction of the Magnolia Home and Garden Club for the new year.

Refreshments were served to 16 members and one guest.

Campbellton High School Reunion set for November 2

Saturday, November 2, is the date for the 1996 Campbellton High School Reunion to be held at the First Baptist Church in Campbellton, FL. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by the program at 10:00 a.m.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy this fun-filled day with former classmates, teachers, coaches, friends, and school personnel.

Letters of invitation will not be sent locally. Instead, coordinators rely on the public news media, family members, and school alumni to publicize this event. For further information contact (334) 793-4577 or (904) 263-4086.

Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Kemp to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Please join our family on this joyous occasion when my parents, D.C. and Mildred Kemp, celebrate their 50 years of marriage at a reception in their honor on Sunday, October 6, 1996, from 2:30-4:00 in the afternoon at Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Building, Hwy. 87N, Elba, AL.

Annual Nolin Reunion to be held Sunday, October 6th

The annual Nolin Reunion is planned for this Sunday, October 6, 1996 at the Pleasant Ridge Church, located on Co. Rd. 228 near Victoria, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend and don't forget to bring a covered dish lunch.

Curtis School Reunion planned for Oct. 12th

The eleventh annual Curtis School Reunion will be held Saturday, October 12, 1996. The Curtis School site is no longer available for the reunion, so it will be held at the Heart of Dixie Music Park. The music park is located one mile east of Danley's Cross Roads on Hwy. 84 near Elba. Bring food, drinks, and a lawn chair. All paper products and ice will be furnished. Linda Cannon Westbrook will be honored as the Outstanding Alumnae. She and her siblings will be the family recognized to share memories. George Parker and siblings will also share memories. Registration will begin at 11:00 and lunch will be served at noon.

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FIFTH GRADERS MAKE MODEL ATOMS...The fifth grade classes of Mrs. Amy Thomas (top photo) and Mrs. Tracie Johnson (bottom photo) have been studying the structure of various types of atoms. In conjunction with their studies, the students completed models of different atoms that were made of sticks and clay. Both classes are pictured showing their handiwork.



Mr. & Mrs. Junior McCollough

Mr. & Mrs. Junior McCollough to be honored on 50th wedding anniversary

A reception will be held on October 6, 1996 in honor of Junior and Katherine McCollough's 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be hosted by their family, Mr. & Mrs. Billy J. McGhee, Mr. & Mrs. Gary McCollough, and Mr. & Mrs. Randy McCollough, at Cuts Restaurant, 417 E. Lee St. in Enterprise, from 2-4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson R. Bradley to be honored on 50th wedding anniversary

The children & grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson R. Bradley request your presence at a treasured gift, this special event will be held at the Ino Baptist Church Fellowship Building, Rt. 1, Kinston, AL, 2:00 until 4:00 in the afternoon.

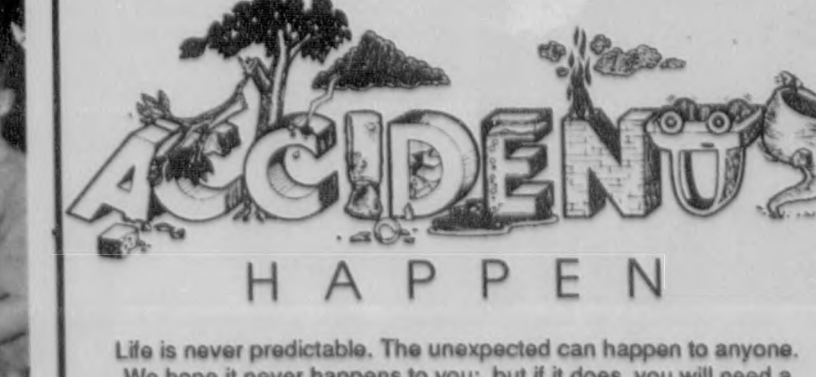
Sheila Brunson RN, named 1996 Nurse of the Year

Sheila Brunson, RN, Alabama Department of Public Health, Coffee County, Home Health Division has been named Nurse of the Year for 1996.

The Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Association of Home Health Nurses has declared Mrs. Brunson as Nurse of the Year. Mrs. Brunson is a member of the Coffee County Health Department Home Health Team. She and the other Registered Nurses provide professional health care in the privacy of the patient's own home regardless of income and services are available to anyone who has need of it 24 hours per day, 7 days per week on an intermittent basis. Mrs. Brunson, under the direction of the patient's physician performs such activities as: giving injections, inserting urinary catheters, inserting feeding tubes, starting intravenous fluids, changing sterile bandages, drawing blood for tests, teaches special procedures including proper diets, oxygen therapy, breathing exercises, preventive health measures, benefits of immunizations, exercise, safety, and wellness techniques. She supervises nurse's aides who provide personal care such as bath, skin care, nail care, shave, shampoo, ambulation, and other services as assigned.

Mrs. Brunson is a graduate of George C. Wallace School of Nursing. Prior to her employment with the Coffee County Health Department, she had 8 years service with Southeast AL Medical Center with 4 years on step-down of cardiac and open heart surgery. She also served as office manager for PCOM-Billing Firm for M.D.'s.

Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.P. Slay of Dothan. She is a resident of Enterprise, is married to Frederick F. Brunson. They have one daughter, Donna Amesley, and one grandchild, Emma Ernest Earnest.



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. MART GRAY  
First Baptist Church

Gene Howard, Attorney at Law. That's the way the sign on his office door read, but on Sunday morning he was Mr. Howard to a group of adoring high school boys who knew him as their Sunday School teacher and friend. He told us stories ranging from his experiences as an infantryman in WWII to his latest bag or catch from a recent hunting or fishing trip. He even allowed us to gamble! Well, not really.

Each week during the Fall we took the first few minutes of class to write out our predictions for all the SEC ball games the following week. He had a long and complicated formula (which it literally took a lawyer to understand) for assigning a score to our predictions week by week. Well, at the end of the season the person with the lowest score, something like a golf handicap, was declared the winner and awarded an appropriate prize. It was a lot of fun and a little sinister, we suspected, so we didn't dare miss a week!

Mr. Howard earned our respect and appreciation, but it had less to do with the fore mentioned facts than his sincerity in opening God's Word and sharing with us his heart-felt convictions about how the Bible spoke in our daily lives. He could tell the Old Testament like a story and mesmerize us all. He could take New Testament accounts of Christ and make you believe you were disciples sitting at the very feet of Christ. He would remove his glasses, look up from his Bible, say "Boys..." if you missed all the rest, you heard that. "Boys..." was always followed by something you could hang your hat on. It was well thought out. It was relevant. It was to the point. It would stick in your mind all week.

What I learned in that Sunday School class years ago affects decisions I make every day of my life. I went on a lot of youth camps. I heard a lot of preaching, a LOT of preaching. I sat under PhD's at seminary who capably shared God's Word. I even read a few books along the way, but much of my perception of God and what He wants to offer me and what He expects from me was formed each week in that class!

I don't know what you call it at your church, Sunday School, Bible Class, etc., but I do believe this: It is where we really get to know God by getting to know His Word. It is not a trivial matter, a nice icing on the cake. It is what meat and potatoes are to nutrition. It is what the workout is to an athlete. It is essential to knowing the works of God and the will of God for our lives.

If I were Mr. Howard, this is the point at which I'd remove my glasses, look up from my work and say "Boys (and girls, of course)...no matter your age, you are still growing in Christ. You are still learning about life. You are making decisions every day that will affect you the rest of your life. If you really want God's input into those decisions, you need under your hand His Word, you'd better be in Bible study at your church of choice!" Now, that's pretty frank, but then, Mr. Howard always was.

## Elba United Methodist plan revival services

The Elba United Methodist Church will be in revival on October 6-9. Our services will be at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day. The revival begins Sunday night, October 6, and will go through Wednesday, October 9.

Services will begin Sunday afternoon with Mark Jackson, an executive officer of the Fellowship of American Athletes, speaking to the youth. He will give his personal testimony in the 7:00 evening service.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served Monday - Wednesday mornings for the 7:00 a.m. service. These services will be in the fellowship hall.

The evangelist for the services will be Tim Thompson. He received his B.A. in history from Belhaven College and this Theological degree from Chandler School of Theology. Emory University. He is working on his doctorate at Perkins School of Theology, SMU and is presently serving as pastor of Brewton's First United Methodist Church.

The music for the revival is being led by Gregory Wilson from Enterprise. He has been minister of music for a number of churches and has taught music on the college level. He

was most recently minister of music at First United Methodist in Enterprise.

Everyone is invited to attend these special revival services.

Harvest Time Revival to be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

A Harvest Time Revival will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, October 6-9. On Sunday, the services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 nightly.

The evangelists will be Rev. John McCrummen and Rev. Mickey Counts.

Everyone is invited to attend these special services.

Worship in the Church of your choice this Sunday!!

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Selected scripture: Ezekiel 24:1-14.

Thinking of you, praying for you. Vick E. Lindsey, James Brooks, Grover Belcher, Curtis Kelley, Wesley Kelley, Rosie Daniels, Jodie Reflejo, Versie Barnes, Glen Kelley, Meri Minney, Lue Head, Annie J. Caldwell, Joseph Long, Rev. Charles Lane.

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Roderick Rideaux, Lavan Jones, and Eria Belcher, all of Elba, AL, were visitors in Panama City, FL recently.

Pastor's Aid Program

Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance of Andalusia, AL will have a Pastor's Aid Program October 6, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. Elder Joe A. Curry is pastor. The church is located on the corner of S. Cotton and Whaley Street.

Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, AL and Shiloh MB Church of Tarentum, AL will be the guest speaker. All churches are invited to attend.

11th Pastor's Anniversary

The 11th Pastor's Anniversary of Supt. L.E. Flowers will be celebrated at New Philadelphia COGIC, AL, Friday, October 11, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

Master of Order will be Elder W.F. Flowers. Devotion will be conducted by visiting churches. Scripture reading will be by Sis. Diane Newton. Welcome and occasion will be by Sis. Elaine Flowers and Bro. Tim Whitfield. Elder J.W. Flowers will introduce the speaker, Rev. C.A. Hammond.

Churches invited: First Union, New Fellowship, New Zion Baptist Church, Mt. Calvary, Faith Tabernacle, Holy Temple, New Hope, and Lily White Holiness.

Installation Services

Installation services of Rev. J.R. Parks of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, AL, will be October 13, 1996 at 2:30 p.m.

Pulpit conductor will be Rev. John Lawrence, Bethlehem choir will render music. Devotion will be by officers of Bethlehem Baptist Church and Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Welcome from the church will be by Rev. J.R. Parks. Introduction by the district moderator J.G. Chammon. A solo will be rendered by Sis. Sheldene Knox. Introduction of speaker will be Rev. Darrell Caldwell. Charge to the pastor-Rev. J.M. Bryant and charge to the church-Rev. L.J. Gray.

Pre-Planning Family Reunion for 1997

The descendants of Hessie and Oliver Belcher met Saturday, September 28, 1996 at Rocky Head MB Church (Old Edifice) Elba, AL. A number of friends and other relatives were present. Before and after lunch games

were played. Everyone had a good time!

Those present were: Wallace Belcher (Mattie) of Elba; Grover Belcher (Eria), Alan, D.J., Evelyn, Jason and Mason, Ernestine, Melissa and Wesley, all of Elba, AL; Juanita (Wiley) Brooks; Ree'Nita and Dee'Nard, Enterprise, AL; Inez Belcher Long (Joseph) of Glenwood, AL; Jennifer Long Henderson, Marcus and Martin of Elba, AL; Dwight Long (Peggy), Teresa, Britney, John, Lee and Walter Elizey, all of Montgomery, Alabama; James Long (Brenda) and Kim Smith of Montgomery, AL; Estella Belcher Williams (J.L.); Rev. A. R. Williams (Bessie); Steve Williams (Karen); Stephanie and Samantha; Patti Williams Culver; Topia and Bria, all of Elba, AL; Debbie Williams Bright (Emmett) Shylaia and Rev. Dorothy Tillis of Brantley, AL; Darlene Brown and Connie of Elba, AL.

Friends and relatives Mike Manning, Hattie Bell Carpenter, Lucinda, Catheryn, and Vera Williams. Planned Program is June 28-29, 1997 (Saturday and Sunday) at Goodson, Eva Kelly, Sis Wambles, Harper Smart, Nellie Crawley, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Zealon and Evelyn Smith. They entertained themselves by playing games. There were several missing due to sickness and were missed. The seniors would like to invite other seniors which live nearby to come and join their fellowship. The foundation is located on Coffee Co. Rd. #211. For more information call 897-6647 on Wednesdays or 735-2453 at other times.

Ministers, Deacons, & Laymen's Union

The Mulberry District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union convened at Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, September 29, 1996 at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. J.M. Bryant. Reading of Journal and Program by the secretary, Sunday School views taught by Dea. Charles Grace (Adults) and Sis. Kimberly Kelley (Juniors). Dea. James Williams taught club per se. The president's annual address was given after Sunday School. Sis. Lessie Davis and Sis. Maggie Bryant were in charge of the women's department. Sis. Britany Daniels was in charge of the youth department. The sermon was by Rev. E. Magwood.

Officers: Rev. J.M. Bryant, president; Dea. James Williams, vice president; Sis. Eria L. Belcher, secretary (recording); Sis. Mamie Williams, asst. secretary; Sis. Catheryn Carpenter, corresponding secretary; Dea. Grover Belcher, treasurer; Sis. Lessie R. Davis and Sis. Maggie Bryant, church members; Sis. Catheryn, chairperson of women department; Sis. Britany Daniels, chairperson of youth department; Dea. Charles Williams, church teacher; Sis. Ernestine Kelley, youth S.R. teacher.

The meeting (union) is scheduled to convene at Jordan Grove Baptist Church of Sea Right, AL, December 29, 1996, at 9:45 a.m.

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Revival to be held at Weeks Chapel Baptist Church

Revival services will be held at the Weeks Chapel Baptist Church (Lowery Community) October 3-5, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Earl Smith will conduct the services. Special music will be provided by Bobby Hattaway. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Hardee's to host benefit sing for Elba Church of God of Prophecy

Hardee's will sponsor a benefit sing at its restaurant on Clayton Ave. in Elba on October 7, 1996, from 6-9 p.m. Twenty percent of the Hardee's receipts collected during the event will be donated to the church for church expenses.

The fundraising effort applies to all Hardee's menu items purchased during the event. The receipts must be placed in a special collection box located inside the restaurant.

Newbia to have homecoming & dedication service Sunday, Oct. 6

Pastor C. P. Davis and the congregation of the Newbia Baptist Church will have a homecoming and dedication service Sunday, October 6, 1996.

Services will begin with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., morning worship - 11:00. A covered dish lunch will be enjoyed at noon. A special dedication service of the new sanctuary and education building is planned for 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come. Supt. Terry Ellison and Supt. W.B. Hughes. Everyone is invited to attend.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

The senior citizens held their weekly meeting with 10 members present. They were: Mattie Lou Goodson, Eva Kelly, Sis Wambles, Harper Smart, Nellie Crawley, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Zealon and Evelyn Smith. They entertained themselves by playing games. There were several missing due to sickness and were missed. The seniors would like to invite other seniors which live nearby to come and join their fellowship. The foundation is located on Coffee Co. Rd. #211. For more information call 897-6647 on Wednesdays or 735-2453 at other times.

Faith Chapel Church to hold homecoming and revival

A revival will be held at Faith Chapel Church, October 11-12, at 7:00 each night. Bobby Green with Sound of Spirit will be the guests both nights.

The congregation will celebrate homecoming on October 13, 1996. The featured speaker will be Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of Love's Way Church. The afternoon singers will be Pilgrim's Promise. Everyone is invited to attend.

Old Fashion Tent Revival to be held at Mulberry School grounds

An Old Fashion Tent Revival will be held September 30-October 4, 1996 at 7:00 each night on the old tnatary and education building is planned for 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come. Supt. Terry Ellison and Supt. W.B. Hughes. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Church Directory

<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.</b> HOUR OF TRUTH - WELS 1:30 AM - 1:52 PM - Sun. Rev. Jesse Rodgers	<b>NEW DIRECTION WELS</b> Sunday School 12:00 - 12:20 PM Rev. John W. McCrummen	<b>ALBANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John W. McCrummen Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST</b> J.J. Hattaway Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 PM	<b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> A.O. Martz Sunday School 10:00 AM Evening Service 6:00 PM	<b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> J.L. Hix Sunday School 12:00 PM 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th Sundays	<b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Faron Giddens Sunday School 9:45 AM Even. Service 7:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dorcas Marie Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Bill Beck, MINISTER Bible Study 9:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Bible Study 7:00 PM	<b>THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD</b> Lana D. Dyer Sunday School 11:00 AM Evening Service 7:00 PM
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<b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J.C. Turner Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD - Loretta Flowers</b> Loretta Flowers Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Bible Study 7:00 PM	<b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A.R. Williams Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> W.B. Faller Sunday School 9:45 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>SHADY GROVE AME</b> Rev. F.L. Flowers Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Bible Study 7:00 PM	<b>SILHOB BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Campbell Sasser Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ben Ambler Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM	<b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tony Dye Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 PM	<b>WHITTEATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Denny Madson Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 PM	<b>WISDOM MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler Sunday School 10:00 AM Even. Service 6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 PM
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Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

Report cards came out at the Elba Elementary School last week, and although Melanie's lowest grade was in conduct, she still managed to bring home a pretty good six week's report and made both Mom and Dad mighty proud. The problems in conduct started early in the school year before Melanie got used to having to sit still, and once we got her attention, the problems seemed to subside at least a little. All the report cards may not be as good, but at least she's off to a good start!

### TIGERS STILL HUNTING FIRST WIN OF SEASON

The Elba Tigers remained winless on the season last week as they fell to the Opp Bobcats 10-7, in front of a small and rain-soaked crowd at Tiger Stadium. The game was one of field-position, as the Tigers played it close to the vest on offense and tried to let the defense come up with enough big plays to help pull off the upset. The defense made enough big plays; however, the offense simply never got any going and failed to put enough points on the scoreboard to get the win. It was just another frustrating night for the Tigers and their fans!

The Elba defense managed only four first downs the entire game and totaled less than seventy yards in total offense on the night. The rain-slick field took away Elba's outside threat with Bobby Burks, and left the Tigers only two weapons - 1) D'Undray Peterson, and 2) the passing game. Peterson bulldozed his way for twenty-three yards on nine carries and scored Elba's only points of the night, while Troy Bryan was accurate with his short passes, but saw two long losses miss their mark and result in interceptions. The

offense tried to minimize its mistakes and wait for the chance to score enough points to win. It just didn't happen.

The Tiger defense gave up some yardage against the speedy Bobcat backs, but never gave up and came up with more than enough big plays to lead to a win. The defense recovered four Opp fumbles in the first half, twice turning the ball over to the offense inside the Bobcat 30-yard line, but seven points was all the offense could put on the scoreboard. Late in the game the defense again rose to the challenge and stopped Opp on a fourth down and one, only to see the offense fail to move the football against what was indeed a very good Opp defense. The defense again played winning football for the most part and has been a constant in what can only be described as a very disappointing start to the season.

Summing up the latest Tiger setback, it was obvious that the offense failed to wait to get a break and the defense played hard all four quarters. On a dry night the offense would have no doubt been more effective; however, on a dry night Opp may not have fumbled the ball away four times, and the result would have likely been the same. At least the Tigers played hard, and showed once again that they won't quit and won't quit fighting as long as they are wearing the "Black and Gold."

### TIGER FANS HOPING HISTORY WILL REPEAT

History buffs will tell you that history always has a way of repeating itself, and this year there are a lot of Elba Tiger fans that hope it is true. Let's take a look at some Elba Tiger football history for just a moment... Back in 1986 the Elba Tigers were 1-4 at mid-season and appeared to be heading for a rare losing season. The Tigers rebounded, however, and won nine straight games to make it to the state championship game. Three members of that team were Kevin Killingsworth, Boyd English and Wynn Grimes, all of whom are now on the Elba coaching staff. A pretty, young majorette in the hand that year was Kim Kelley, who is now the wife of Elba head coach David Lowery. If the Tigers can win Friday night against Headland they will stand at 1-4 at the mid-season mark, and with all the ties to the '86

team, maybe history will indeed repeat itself. Let's hope so!

### HIGH-TECH REFS WERE ON THE FIELD FRIDAY

Most of the people at the game Friday night between Elba and Opp may not have realized it, but the referees on the field, and the ref running the clock in the pressbox, were all joined electronically. All six of the refs had miniature earphones and small lapel microphones, which enabled them to speak with each other throughout the game without having to shout, or let anyone else know what they were saying. I'm sure the new-age technology still has its kinks, but it seems like a great idea and maybe before long all the refs will have the advantage of using the mini-communications system.

### ZION CHAPEL GETS ONLY AREA VICTORY

It was another less than successful week for teams in the local area as only the Zion Chapel Rebels were able to enjoy a win. Here's a look back at week #4 around the area...

\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL (1-3) got in the win column for the first time this season with a 12-7 win over Clayton. The Rebels weren't real sharp in the win, which was to be expected after playing so hard in three tough losses, but they did get the job done and got that elusive first win. Maybe now the Rebels will get another streak started and improve on their record.

\*\*\*KINSTON (1-3) got blown out for the second straight week and saw their record slip to 1-3 on the season. The Bulldogs got a win in their opener against Red Level, but haven't really been impressive since, and in the past three weeks have given up over 48 points per game. Unless the Bulldogs do something fast, it looks like another long year for the Dogs.

\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON (1-3) found the going a little too tough over in Georgiana and came out on the short end of a 52-13 score. The Gamecocks scored early against the high-powered Panthers and battled until the final hour, but just didn't have the talent, or experience, to pull off the upset. Better days are ahead; however, and payback will be in for the Dogs.

\*\*\*BRANTLEY (2-2) got blown out for the second straight week and saw its state playoff hopes take a serious blow with its 31-15 loss to McKenzie. The Bulldogs had their fans thinking big after their two early wins, but everyone has now come back down to earth and realize that this indeed a rebuilding year.

### A WET AND WACKY WEEK ACROSS THE STATE

The fourth week of the 1996 high school football season was wet, and wacky, as upsets took place on rain-soaked fields across the state, and other teams found the wet conditions just to their liking. Here's a look around...

\*\*\*CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Central, of Tuscaloosa, improved to 4-0 and rolled up over 700 yards in total offense in a 91-20 win over Huffman. The high-flying Falcons have now scored 240 points in four games, an average of 60 points per game! Closer to home, Dothan exploded late to out-score Enterprise 40-21 and Northview made it look easy in a 31-0 romp past Gresham Park of Ozark.

\*\*\*CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount made a major statement in a 31-0 spanking of previously unbeaten Shaw, while Wetumpka rebounded from last week's upset loss to Chilton County to blast Elmore County 26-0. Closer to home, Andalusia rallied from a 20-3 fourth quarter deficit to edge Hillcrest 24-20, and Greenville scored late to sneak past Pike County 10-7, in the renewal of what used to be a state headliner.

\*\*\*CLASS 4A - Third-ranked W.S. Neal splashed past Gulf Breeze 46-21, while Dallas County upped its mark to 4-0 with a wild 47-22 win over Autaugauna. Closer to home, Dale County snapped a two-game skid with a 25-23 win over Geneva County and Geneva had its two-game winning streak snapped by undefeated Cottonwood 39-7.

\*\*\*CLASS 3A - Fourth-ranked Gordo staked its claim to the top of the rankings with a big 44-0 win over Carrollton, while Crossville also made news with its impressive 28-9 win over 5A Arab. Closer to home, Headland got its first win with a 12-6 decision over Wicksburg and Rehoboth remained winless with a 13-0 setback to Ashford.

\*\*\*CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County brought its 32 game winning streak to South Alabama and left with an impressive 30-0 win over Daleville. The Panthers have shut-out all their victims this season and appear as solid as ever. Closer to home, Laverne upped its mark to 4-0 with a 25-8 win over Slocomb and Goshen saw its unbeaten streak washed away as Straughun gunned down the Eagles 19-15. Flomaton, the home of assistant coach Matt Henderson, remained unbeaten with a 7-6 shocker over 4A St. Paul.

\*\*\*CLASS 1A - Sweetwater got in the win column in a big way by blasting Marbury 60-24, while Loachapoka blanked Notasulga 16-0 to snap a ten-year losing streak to their neighbors. Closer to home, Frisco City scored a warning sign by spanking Florida 33-6 and Arion evened its record at 2-2 with a come-from-behind 14-9 win over winless Red Level.

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR FINDING THE RANGE

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was ready to do a little bragging when he dropped by the office over the weekend, and after posting a 42-2 mark for his week #4 picks, I guess he had the right to brag, just a little. He came through on Opp over Clayton, Zion Chapel over Clayton, McKenzie over Brantley, Arion over Red Level, Dale County over Geneva County and Eufrasia over Auburn, and moved his yearly totals to 149-32. I told him there was only one way to go after such a big week, but he just laughed and left this week's picks. Here goes....

#### ELBA VS. HEADLAND

The Elba Tigers will be on the prowl this week and will be trying to erase some of the pain of five straight losses when the Rams from Headland come to town. The winner here will get a leg up on a state playoff berth and gain some valuable momentum heading into the second half of the season, and when the fur stops flying, the Tigers will emerge with win #1....

#### ELBA 20 HEADLAND 10

#### LYMAN WARD VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Rebels got their first win of the season last week against lowly Clayton, but had to struggle with the winless Tigers and may have played their worst game of the season. A similar performance this week won't be enough to give the Rebels win #2; however, look for the Rebels to rise to the challenge and escape with another narrow win.

#### ZION CHAPEL 14 LYMAN WARD 12

#### NEW BROCKTON VS. RED LEVEL

The Gamecocks are 1-3 and have no right to be overconfident, but could fall into just that trap against the lowly Red Level Tigers, who haven't won in over a year. The Tigers will be confident and play their best; however, the Gamecocks should have too many weapons.

#### NEW BROCKTON 26 RED LEVEL 14

#### KINSTON VS. G.W. LONG

There was a lot of noise coming out of Kinston back before the start of the season, but it looks like the Bulldogs' bark was much worse than their bite, as they have now lost three straight games and seen their defense held south. If the Bulldogs can slow down the Rebels they might have a chance. If not....

#### G.W. LONG 34 KINSTON 33

#### BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The Bulldogs have come crashing back down to earth in recent weeks and this week must try to rebound against the winless Luverne. Brantley won't back down and will play with everything it has; however, it won't be enough Friday night against the unbeaten Tigers.

#### LUVERNE 28 BRANTLEY 7

#### OTHER PICKS:

Carrollton 26 Akron 6  
Wicksburg 20 Arion 14  
Courland 29 Mt. Hope 0  
Frisco City 52 John Essex 0  
Houston Ac. 10 Montgomery Ac. 8  
Greenville 20 Opp 10  
Wetumpka 27 Hillcrest 8  
Smith Station 21 Auburn 7  
Sylacauga 21 Talladega 7  
Valley 32 Russell County 6  
Vigor 35 Baker 0  
Carver 22 Dothan 21  
Central/PC 14 Northview 3  
Enterprise 40 Selma 13  
Central/Tuc. 45 Jess Lanier 10  
R.E. Lee 14 Opelika 10  
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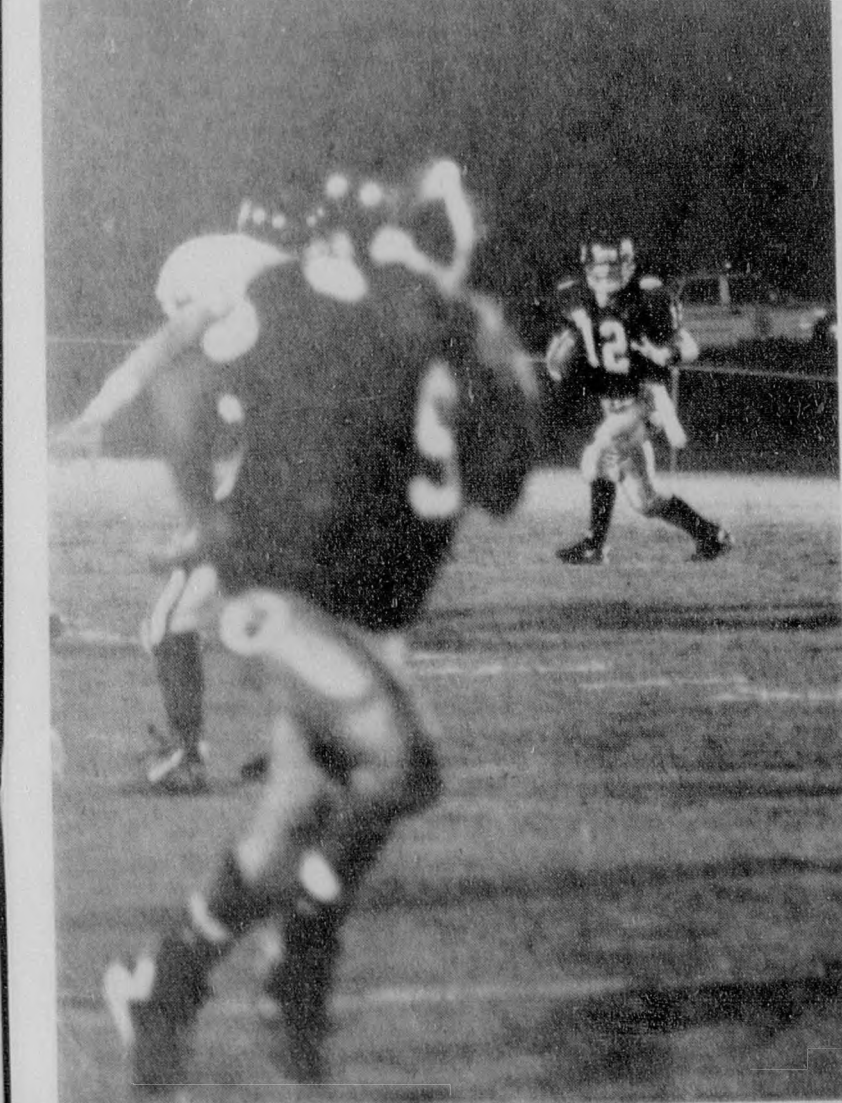
Elba cheerleaders Kerry Kelley and Laura Crowe refused to let the rain dampen their spirits. The cheerleaders will continue to provide their support Friday night as the Tigers look to get in the win column against the Headland Rams.



Elba linebacker Todd McKee (54) heads downfield after recovering a fumble in second quarter action during Friday night's 10-7 loss to Opp. McKee and the Tigers will try to snap their five-game losing streak Friday night when they host the Headland Rams.

## Tigers bog down in 10-7 loss to Opp

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor



Elba quarterback Troy Bryan (12) looks downfield and finds wide-receiver Eric Jordan (9) streaking down the sidelines in action Friday night in the Tigers' 10-7 loss to Opp.

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue Friday night as the Opp Bobcats turned two interceptions into ten points and sloshed past the winless Tigers 10-7, on a water-logged field in Elba.

The loss left Elba with an 0-4 record and extended the Tigers' losing streak to five games, while Opp improved its state to 3-1 with the win.

Fumble recoveries by Elba's Larry Rayborn and Alex Daniels stopped Opp drives early in the game; however, the Tigers gave the ball back to the Bobcats on a pass interception late in the stanza, and the third time proved to be the charm for the visiting Bobcats as they marched 77 yards in only three plays to get on the scoreboard.

A 40-yard scamper by Opp's Tony Head got the quick scoring drive off to a fast start, while it was Adrian Horstead that reached the endzone on a 44-yard dash. Derek Dillard added the extra point, and with 1:36 left in the first quarter Opp was on top 7-0.

The Bobcats had a chance to add to their lead early in the second quarter when Elba lost a fumble at its own 33-yardline, but Opp saw the scoring chance go by the board when a 27-yard field-goal try by Dillard fell short.

A bad snap on a punt attempt put Opp right back in business at the Elba 24-yardline; however, Tiger linebacker Todd McKee scooped up a Bobcat fumble on the next play from scrimmage and rammed 49 yards to give the Tigers their first scoring opportunity at the Opp 27-yardline.

Elba moved to a third down and at the Bobcat 20 behind the running of D'Undray Peterson, only to see a penalty slow the drive, which ended one play later when Troy Bryan was stopped two yards short of the chains at the Bobcat 19-yardline.

Elba's D'Undray Peterson scooped up another Bobcat fumble one play later, and returned Opp's fourth fumble of the half five yards to set the Tiger offense up at the Bobcat 10-yardline.

An 8-yard blast by Peterson on first down moved Elba within the shadows of the goalpost, and Peterson bulldozed over on third down to put the Tigers on the scoreboard.

Todd McKee tacked on the extra point, and with 1:50 left in the first half Elba had pulled even at 7-7.

Opp had one final chance to regain the lead in the closing minute of the half after recovering an Elba

fumble near midfield, but the Tiger defense rose to the challenge, and at intermission the two rivals splashed their way to the dressing rooms with the score knotted at 7-7.

The defenses ruled the action in the third quarter as neither offense could mount a drive; however, the Bobcats got a break early in the fourth quarter on a pass interception that set Opp at the Elba 38-yardline.

The Bobcats moved to a first down at the Elba 14-yardline, but couldn't push the ball into the endzone against the stingy Tiger defense, and settled for three points as on fourth down Derek Dillard booted a 27-yard field-goal to put the Bobcats back on top 10-7 with 4:06 left on the clock.

Elba gave the ball right back to the Bobcats when it fumbled the ensuing kickoff at its own 42-yardline. The Elba defense stopped Opp on a fourth down and one at the 33 to give the offense a final shot at pulling out the win, but four plays lost four yards, and at the final horn the Tigers were still winless after coming out on the short-end of a 10-7 decision.

D'Undray Peterson gained 23 yards on nine carries and Bobby Burks added 21 yards on nine carries to lead the Elba offense, while Tony Head gained 31 yards on 15 carries and Adrian Horstead rushed for 79 yards on 9 carries to spark the Bobcats.

The Elba defense was paced by Todd McKee with 12 tackles, 2 assists and a fumble recovery, while Larry Rayborn and Julian Mitchell both made 6 solo stops.

STATISTICS	
Elba	Opp
4 1st Downs	11
32 Rushing Yds.	206
37 Passing Yds.	12
69 Total Offense	218
4-10-2 Passes	14-4-0
5/3 Fumbles/Lost	5/4
3-28 Punts-Ave.	3-33
41 Penalty Yds.	46

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Elba's Earl Perkins (73) hangs on to an Opp running back as defensive-end Westley Johnson (82) closes in to help. Elba will be looking to go 1-0 in the Class 3A, Area 3 race Friday night when they host the Headland Rams.

### Still looking for first win of season

## Elba hosts Headland in Area 3 match-up

The Elba Tigers will be looking to snap a five-game losing streak and take a giant step toward earning a berth in the state playoffs Friday night when they host the Headland Rams in a crucial Class 3A, Area 3 battle.

The Tigers saw their record dip to 0-4 last week with a 10-7 loss to 5A Opp, while Headland moved its record to 1-3 with a 12-6 win over Wicksburg.

"Headland has got a good football team and will come to town Friday night confident that it can play with us and take home a win," said Elba's Coach David Lowery. "They lost their first three games to three very good football teams, but won last week, and there is nothing like a win to get a team high and ready to play."

The Rams of Coach Larry Moul-

ton opened the season with losses to 4A Dale County 39-12, 4A Ashford 21-6 and 2A Houston County 34-30, but rebounded last week and got in the win column with a 12-6 decision over 2A Wicksburg.

"On offense Headland uses the same basic formation as Georgiana, with two slot-backs and one running back," added Lowery. "They like to run the option, reverse, and hit the don't throw a lot, but when they do they are productive, and overall they have a solid offensive team."

"Over on defense," stated Coach Lowery, "Headland has been lining up in a five man front and walking their cornerbacks up to give the look of a nine-man line. They have an excellent defensive end and linebacker, and have some quality athletes in the secondary. Their defense goes to the

football, and is aggressive on every play."

When asked about the keys for the Tigers in Friday night's Area 3 clash, Coach Lowery stated "We size up with Headland a lot better than some of the teams we have played, but that doesn't mean they are going to come over here and just let us win. On offense we'll have to establish control at the line of scrimmage and mix-up the run with a short passing game. I feel like we can be effective throwing the ball short, and we'll need to be effective Friday night offensively if we are to put some points on the scoreboard."

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"We have improved the last three weeks and the players now know what it will take to win," said Lowery. "Against Headland we will have

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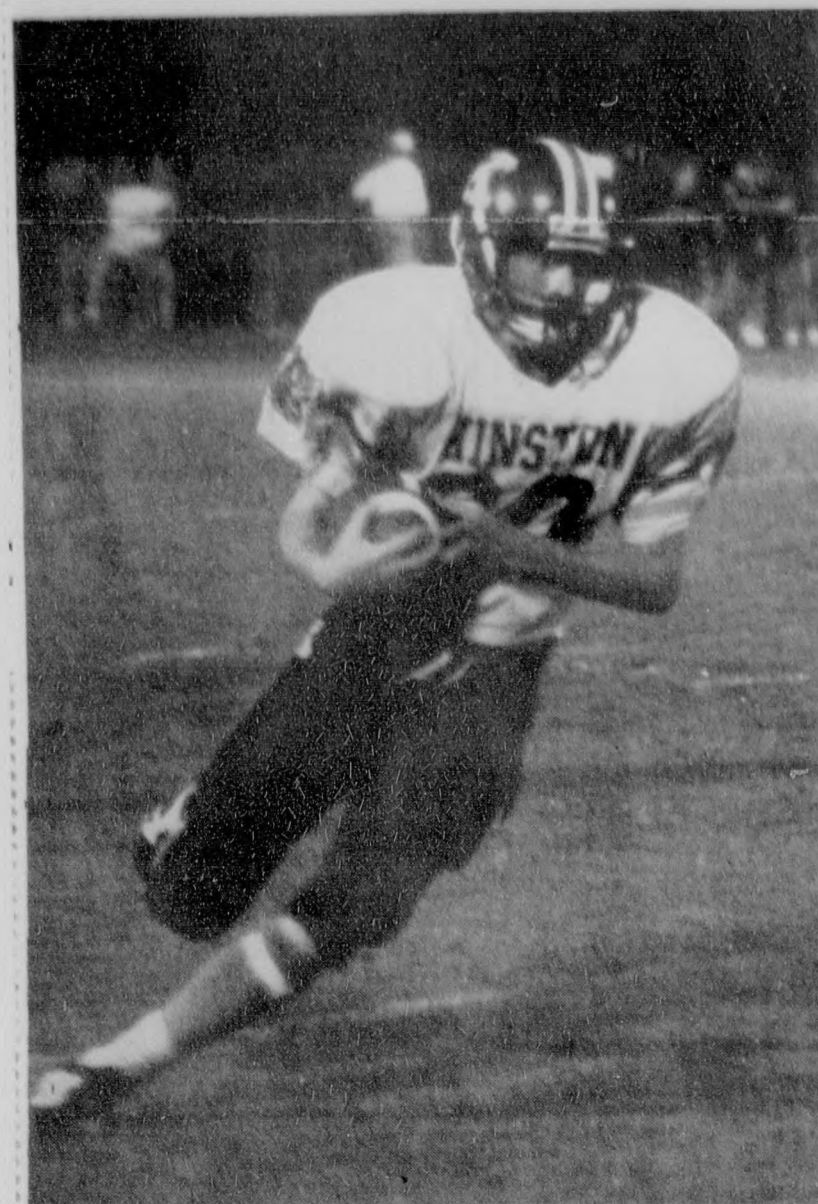
## Samson kicks Kinston 44-13

By Johnny Higgins, Sports Writer

The Kinston Bulldogs scored first, but couldn't contain a strong Samson running game, as the 2A Tigers came storming back to post

a 44-14 win, Friday night in Samson.

Kinston kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a Samson punt at the Bulldog 28-yardline. After three runs and two



Kinston running back Jeremy Osborn (30) looks for room to run in last week's loss to Samson. The Bulldogs will try to get back on track this week when they host G.W. Long.

Samson penalties, the Bulldogs found themselves at the Tiger 42-yardline. Adam Osborn then took a pitch-out and raced 42 yards around left-end for an early Kinston score!

The touchdown marked the first time this season the Samson defense had been scored upon, with the drive covering 72 yards in just five plays.

The extra-point try was blocked, but with 7:08 left in the first quarter Kinston was on the scoreboard with a 6-0 lead.

The Tigers answered the Bulldog score on their next possession as Samson went 65 yards in four plays. Jordy Brooks got the score on a 52-yard reverse, and although the two-point try failed, the score was now tied at 6-6 with 5:00 left in the opening stanza.

Samson regained possession on a Kinston punt and this time drove 57 yards in 7 plays to take the lead for good.

Jeremy Reynolds ran 37 yards for the Tiger touchdown as time expired in the first quarter, and Wade Rials ran in for the two-point conversion, putting the Tigers on top 14-6.

The fumble bug bit Kinston on its next possession as a pitch-out failed to find its mark and Samson recovered at the Bulldog 11-yardline. The Tigers cashed in the turnover when Reynolds scored on a 4-yard dash, and Rials again found the endzone on the two-point conversion, upping the Samson lead to 22-6 with 10:54 remaining in the half.

A blocked punt put the Tigers right back in business at the Kinston 30-yardline, and when Wade Rials scored on a one-yard sneak to cap off an eight play drive, the Tigers were in control with a 28-6 lead with 2:07 left on the clock.

Kinston's offense failed to move



FUMBLE! Fumbles were a common occurrence Friday night in Kinston's 41-14 loss to the Samson Tigers. The Bulldogs will be hoping for a dry night Friday when they host the G.W. Long Rebels, in Kinston.

the chains on its next series, and a heavy rush resulted in a short Bulldog punt, as the Tiger offense returned to the field at the Kinston 38-yardline.

Rials rolled out and raced 35 yards to the three on the Tigers first play snap, while it was Chris Linton that got the score on a 4-yard run with only :08 remaining on the clock. Rials tucked on the two-point conversion, and when the half ended seconds later Samson went in with a big 36-6 advantage.

Bishop Edwards returned the second half kickoff to the Bulldog 35-yardline to pump life into the Kinston offense, and when Ronnie Lowman burst up the middle 35 yards on the first play from scrimmage, Kinston was in business at the Samson 30-yardline.

An 18-yard pass from Jason Wil-

liams to Allen Bowdoin in third down kept the drive alive, and the Bulldogs got back into the endzone when Jeremy Osborn plunged over from a yard out. Adam Osborn ran in for the two-point conversion, and with 8:07 left in the third quarter Kinston had cut the deficit to 36-14.

Samson again answered the Kinston challenge; however, as the Tigers drove 55 yards in six plays to regain command.

Bill Duff got the score on a one-yard plunge, and Rials tucked on the two-point conversion, as Samson pushed its lead to 44-14 with 5:18 still left in the third quarter.

Kinston had two long drives in the final stanza, but failed to reach the endzone on either trip, as Samson held on to claim the 44-14 win. Ronnie Lowman ran the ball four times for 75 yards to lead

Kinston, while Jeremy Osborn had 59 yards on 9 totes. Jeremy Williams hit on 3 of 9 passes for 82 yards, with Allen Bowdoin hauling in two passes for 61 yards.

Chancy Lashley had 6 solo stops and one assist to lead the Kinston defense, while Ricky Morris, back from an injury, had 5 tackles and 7 assists.

## STATISTICS

K	S
6	10
159	Rushing Yds. 295
82	Passing Yds. 46
241	Total Offense 341
3-9-0	Passes 3-6-0
2/2	Fumbles/Lost 2/0
5-23	Punts-Ave. 3-34
35	Penalty Yds. 55

## Brantley Bulldogs clawed by McKenzie Tigers 31-15

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The McKenzie Tigers traveled to Brantley Friday night and dominated the Bulldogs to claim a convincing 31-15 victory.

It took the visiting Tigers only 41-seconds to score the game's first points as Darrell McClain sprinted 70 yards straight up the middle on the game's second play from scrimmage. A bad snap resulted in a missed extra-point, leaving McKenzie with a 6-0 lead with 11:19 left in the first quarter.

Brantley bounced right back on its first offensive series and drove 55 yards in 9 plays to take the lead. The touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Nathan Nichols to Edward Burnett, and Gregory Daniels added the extra-point, giving the Bulldogs a 7-6 lead with 7:38 remaining in the stanza.

Darrell McClain struck again for the Tigers on their very next snap as he took a handoff and raced 70 yards for his second touchdown of the quarter. A two-point try failed, but McKenzie was on top 12-7 with 7:17 still left in what was a wild start to the Area clash.

Stallion Sasser made a fumble recovery for the Bulldogs on the next McKenzie drive, and the Bulldogs' Edward Burnett later brought the Brantley fans to their feet as he returned a Tiger punt 37 yards to the McKenzie 5-yardline.

Bo Daniels carried twice for five yards and scored the touchdown, and also ran in with the two-point try, as Brantley regained the lead at 15-12 with 8:45 still left in the half.

McKenzie bounced right back and marched 69 yards in 11 plays to regain the lead for good.

Detric Womack got the score on a 5-yard run, and even though the two-point conversion again failed, the Tigers were back on top to stay at 18-15 with 2:34 left in the half.

Jonathan McInty recovered a Tiger fumble late in the half, however, the Bulldogs were unable to move and at intermission went in trailing 18-15.

The Tigers found their way back to the endzone midway through the third quarter, with the touchdown coming on a 17-yard run by Detric Womack. The scoring jaunt capped a 67-yard drive that lasted just five plays, and put McKenzie ahead 24-15 with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter.

The game's final points came as Reginald McClain carried 12 yards on a toss-sweep. The scoring play was the eighth snap of a drive that covered 68 yards, and the extra-point sealed the win for the Tigers as it made the final margin of victory 31-15.

McKenzie's Darrell McClain gained 228 yards on 12 carries to lead the Tigers, while Reginald McClain added 86 yards on 15 tries. Gregory Daniels raced the Bulldogs with 36 yards on 8 totes.

## STATISTICS

B	M
6	1st Downs 16
31-26	Rushes-Yds. 44-371
15	Passing Yds. 13
41	Total Offense 384
2-9-1	Passes 1-5-0
110	Return Yds. 26

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A Brantley cheerleader keeps the Bulldog spirit on the sidelines. The Bulldogs will be looking to improve their record to 3-2 Friday night against the Luverne Tigers.



Brantley quarterback Nathan Nichols (3) turns to handoff to fullback Alan Compton (20) during recent Bulldog action. The Bulldogs saw their record slip to 2-2 last week with a 31-15 loss to the McKenzie Tigers.

## Zion Chapel gets first win

## Rebels tame Tigers 12-7

By Code Shiver, Sports Writer

The Clayton Tigers traveled to Jack Friday night to do battle with the Zion Chapel Rebels, and when the final horn sounded, it was the Rebels doing the celebrating after claiming a sloppy, but exciting 12-7 win.

The win was the first of the season for the Rebels and pushed their record to 1-3, while Clayton slipped to 0-4 with the loss.

Clayton's first possession of the night was a short one, as the Tigers turned the ball over to Zion Chapel at the ZC 45-yardline.

The Rebels mixed up the ground

and air attack on their first series of the game, and sparked by a 24-yard run by Tommy Gulleddge, covered 54 yards in six snaps.

Fumbles were the name of the game on the wet and windy night; however, and the Rebels failed to get on the scoreboard when they lost a fumble at the Clayton 6-yardline.

The Rebels got the ball right back three plays later on a Tiger fumble at the Clayton 15-yardline, only to give the ball back on another fumble, as the early mistakes plagued both teams.

Clayton's offense managed to find the handle on the football on the ensuing possession and reached paydirt when Frederick Brascom found a seam in the Rebel defense and raced 24 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, leaving Clayton with a 6-0 advantage over the stunned Rebels.

Zion Chapel began a drive at its own 49-yardline following an exchange of punts, and this time headed toward the endzone.

Tim Alcuri got the call on all four plays during the 51-yard march, and got the score on a 10-yard scramble. A two-point pass fell incomplete, but with 3:59 left in the half the score was knotted at 6-6.

The Rebels began their next series at the Clayton 32-yardline and played beat the clock to reach the endzone late in the half.

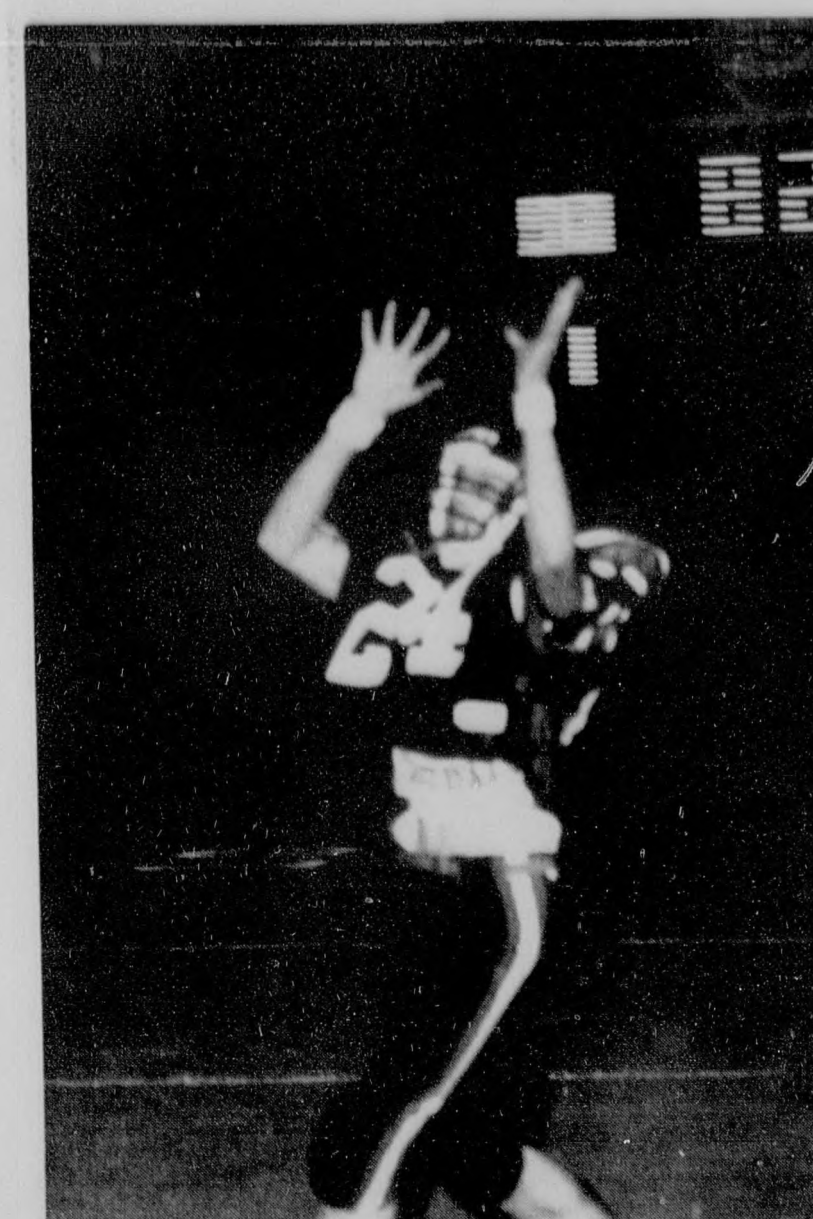
An 18-yard pass from Wade Parker to Billy Kelley was a key play in the drive, with the touchdown coming on a one-yard sneak by Parker. The two-point try again failed; however, the Rebels had moved on top and carried the 12-6 lead at intermission.

Zion Chapel staged a 56-yard march to open the second half, only to again fail to get on the scoreboard, as the Rebel offense stalled at the Clayton 23-yardline.

The teams swapped punts and fumbles on their next possessions, and after yet another Tiger turnover, the Rebels found themselves with excellent field position at the Clayton 22-yardline.

The Rebels moved to the Tiger 3-yardline behind the running of Tim Alcuri, but fumbled away the scoring opportunity, and had to turn back a late aerial barrage by the Tigers to hold on and claim the 12-6 win.

Tim Alcuri gained 147 yards on 24 carries to lead the Rebel running attack, while Billy Kelley gained 38 yards through the air and was a target for the Rebel passing game.



I'M OPEN! Zion Chapel's Tommy Gulleddge (24) tries to get the attention of the Rebel quarterback after finding a seam in the Clayton defense during Friday night's 12-7 win.

## GET READY - KICKOFF IS GETTING CLOSE!

## New Brockton drops key Area clash to Georgiana

Statistics by D'Anthony Brown and Brannon Mobley

The New Brockton Gamecocks made the trip up to Butler County Friday night to battle the third-ranked Georgiana Panthers, and found out first-hand just why the Panthers are ranked among the state's best, as Georgiana scored early and often to outscore the Gamecocks 52-13.

The win upped Georgiana's record to 4-0, 1-0 in Area 3 play, while New Brockton slipped to 1-3 with the loss, 0-1 in Area 2 competition.

Georgiana received the opening kick and marched 65 yards in seven plays to grab the early lead. The

score came on a 23-yard run by Chad Peavy, while Peavy passed to Shawn McKee for the two-point conversion to put the Panthers on top 8-0 with 8:46 left in the first quarter.

New Brockton's offense was also ready to take a trip to the endzone and stunned the Panthers by driving 67 yards in 14 plays to get on the scoreboard!

Jason Allums completed three passes to Eric McLean during the march for 22 yards, while the touchdown also came through the air as Allums hit Robert Fleming with a 40-yard scoring toss. A two-point try failed, but with 3:36 left in the first quarter the Gamecocks had pulled within 8-6.

Georgiana needed only two plays to get back in the endzone as Henry Gilmore sprinted 40 yards to paydirt to put the Panthers ahead 14-6 with 2:46 remaining in the stanza.

New Brockton's Kendall Merritt recovered a fumble to stop the Panthers' next scoring threat; however, the Panthers regained possession on a punt and this time drove 84 yards in nine plays to get back into the endzone.

Melvin Hall gained 43 yards on four carries to spark the drive, while the score came on a 7-yard dash by Chad Peavy. Peavy passed to Shawn McKee for the two-point conversion, and with 9:06 left in the half Georgiana's lead was up to 22-6.

Georgiana's next scoring drive covered 58 yards in five plays and was climaxed when Henry Gilmore reached the endzone on a 10-yard scamper. Melvin Hall ran in for the two-point conversion, pushing the Panthers' lead to 30-6 with 3:55 still left in the half.

The Panthers got the ball back on another Gamecock punt and this time covered 35 yards in just two plays to increase their lead.

The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Chad Peavy to Melvin Hall, and Lakeith Pennington ran in for the two-point conversion as the Panthers' lead grew to 38-6 with 1:08 still left in the wild second stanza.

Georgiana kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball back at its 46-yardline after making a defensive stand, and once again headed toward the Gamecock goal line.

A 30-yard pass from Chad Peavy to Shawn McKee was a key play in the drive, while the score came when Melvin Hall rambled in from five yards out. Hall added the two-point conversion, and with 7:09 remaining in the third quarter Georgiana was on top 46-6.

A blocked punt gave the Panthers the ball back at the Gamecock 8-yardline late in the stanza, and two plays later Georgiana was back in the endzone, this time on a 5-yard dash by Henry Gilmore. The two-point try failed, but the outcome had long since been settled as Georgiana led 52-6 with 2:32 left in the stanza.

New Brockton turned the of-

ensive reins over to freshman quarterback Kellen Cole on its next series, and Cole promptly guided the Gamecocks downfield to score their second touchdown of the night!

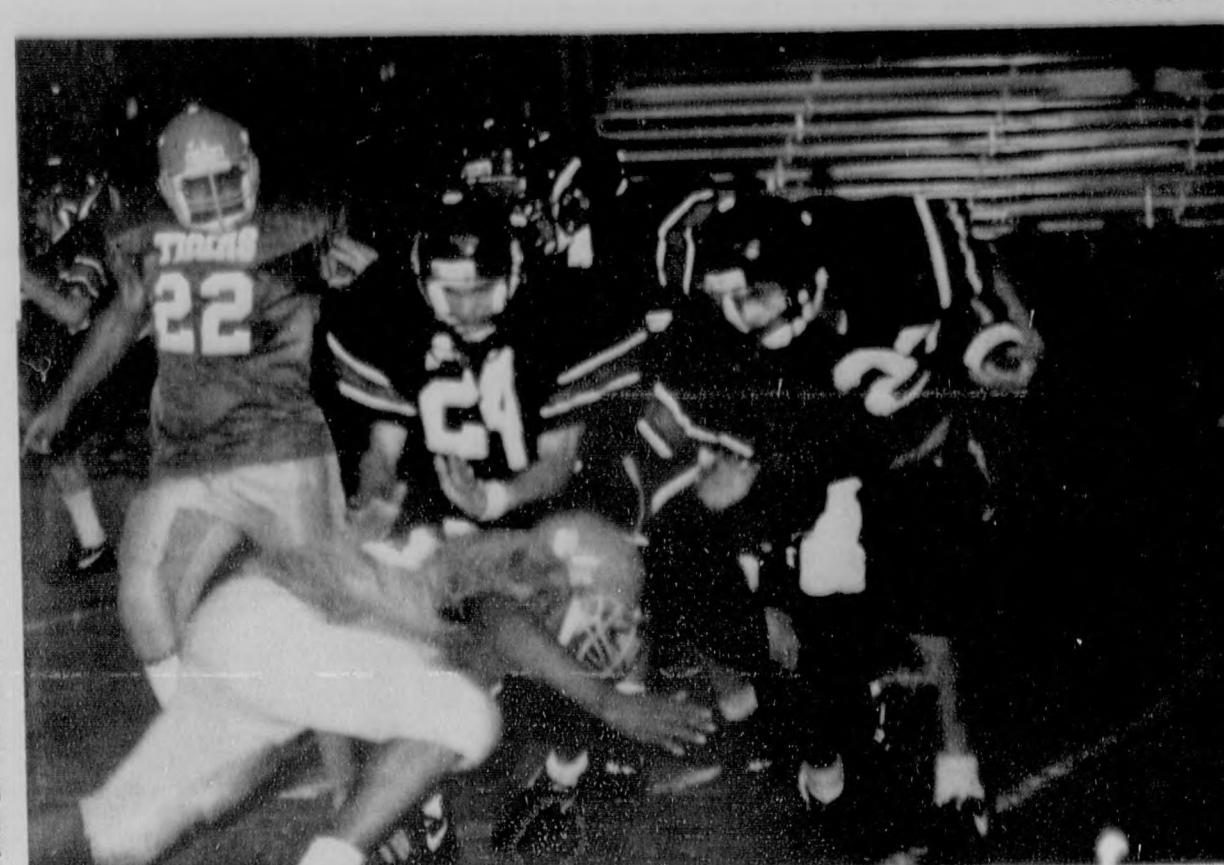
Lee Flowers gained 36 yards on four carries during the march, and Cole hit on three of three passes for 27 yards, while freshman Pate Harrison got the touchdown on a one-yard blast. Sebastian Cormier added the extra-point and with 4:47 left in the game New Brockton had pulled within 52-13.

The freshman trio of Cole, Harrison and Jason McKenzie sparked another Brockton drive in the closing seconds of the game; however, the clock ran out on the Gamecocks as they took the loss 52-13.

STATISTICS

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164	Rushing Yds. 169
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Zion Chapel's Tim Alcuri (22) tries to avoid a Clayton defender as Tommy Gulleddge (24) makes a block. Alcuri gained over 100 yards to spark the Rebels to their first win of the season Friday night over the Tigers.



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Melvin Hall gained 80 yards on 10 carries to lead Georgiana, while Chad Peavy added 56 yards on 5 carries and completed 9 of 10 passes for 141 yards.

STATISTICS

NB	G
14	1st Downs 20
189	Rushing Yds. 242
109	Passing Yds. 141
298	Total Offense 383
9-17-0	Passes 9-10-1

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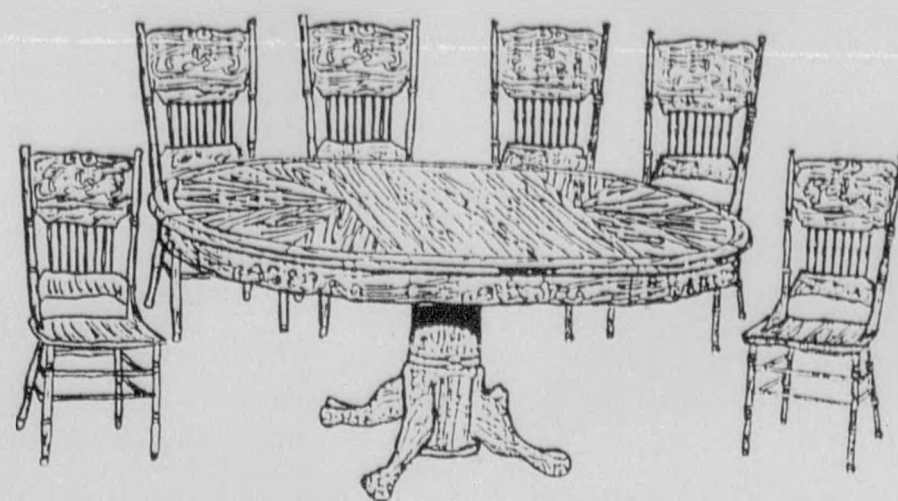


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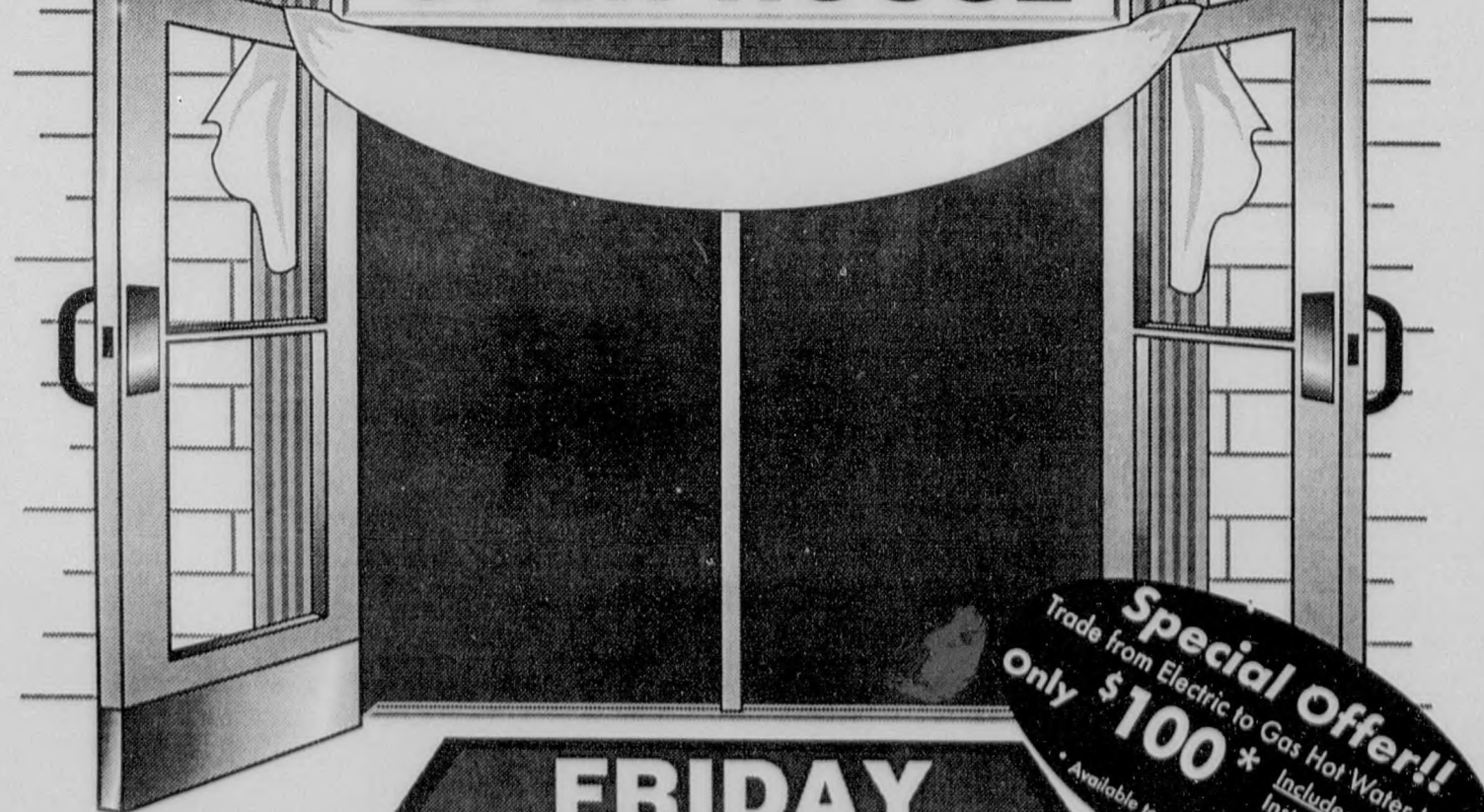
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Wise is facing the charge of assault in the second degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Earnest Dewey Boose  
He is charged with theft of property in the first degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Adrian Arley Johnson  
Johnson is facing two charges: burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Eric Cade Nelson  
He is charged with two counts of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Michael Lashawn Duncan  
Duncan is charged with burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Robert Michael Acreman  
He is charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Steve Magwood  
Magwood faces the charge of theft of property in the first degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Daniel B. Perdue  
He is charged with one count of burglary in the first degree.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Anthony Charles Rivers  
Rivers is charged with burglary in the first degree.  
State of Alabama  
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Duval Jones  
He is facing a charge of theft of property in the first degree, and five counts of breaking and entering an automobile.  
State of Alabama  
Vs.  
Willie Paul Mitchell  
Mitchell is charged with one count of burglary in the second degree, five counts of burglary in the third degree, one count of theft of property in the first degree, and five counts of breaking and entering an automobile.  
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## New administration takes over in City of Elba

By Fern Cox, Publisher

A new city administration was sworn into office in Elba on Monday morning, October 7th, at 9:00 A.M. Circuit Judge Tom Head administered the oath of office, first to the members of the city council, and then to the newly elected mayor.

James Grimes was sworn in as mayor and serving as council members are: Winzell Gray, District 1; John W. Sharpless, District 2 (Incumbent); Harold Banning, District 3; Ben Carpenter, District 4 (Incumbent) and Ronnie Hammonds, District 5.

The officers will serve four year terms.

The only elected official making a formal statement was Mayor Grimes. His prepared statement was:

"A few short weeks ago we began the process of electing city officials to lead Elba forward and into the 21st Century. I feel humbled that the citizens of Elba have entrusted

the office of mayor to me. I want my term in office to be one of progress and harmony; leadership and growth; openness and honesty; truthfulness and hard work; cooperation and trust. I believe that the citizens of Elba are ready and eager for this type of city government. I believe that today is the day for us to begin moving forward.

It is my intention to work with the city council and department heads to provide the people of Elba the very best services possible. We will evaluate the services as they are now and work toward making improvements where necessary. I am dedicated to providing only the best for all the citizens of Elba. I ask for your help and suggestions I making this possible.

As many of you know, I grew up on a farm and learned very early the importance of co-operation and hard work. In the days before tractors, we plowed with mules. Often those mules would refuse to work together

and pull with all their might in opposite directions. Of course, this got us nowhere fast.

I believe that it is time for all Elbians to realize that pulling in opposite directions gets us nowhere. We must learn to bend a little, prioritize our needs, and work on first things first. By doing this, we can all pull together and work for the good of Elba. Only by pulling together can we improve our little corner of the world.

We can make Elba an even better place in which to live and work. Let's all get together and pull Elba forward.

With God's help, we can."

Monday evening at 6 P. M. in a special council meeting, the council

met and made routine appointments. Council member Ronnie Hammonds was named as Mayor Pro-Tem. He will preside over council meetings in the absence of the mayor.

Named as city clerk was Donnie Morrow, who was a candidate for mayor in the recent elections. He is retired from civil service.

Ronnie Whitworth was named police chief. He is a retired state trooper.

Council members Ben Carpenter, Ronnie Hammonds and Harold Banning were named to the Water and Electric Board. Three members of

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Pictured above: Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head (right) administers the oath-of-office to Elba Mayor James Grimes (left), Councilman Harold Banning (center) looks on.

## New Brockton's town council sworn into office

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

New Brockton's new city council was sworn in Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and shortly afterwards held its first meeting.

First, Coffee County Probate

Judge Bill Gammill administered the oath-of-office to the members of the council - Charles Cole, Rodger Harrison, Linda Gilbert, and Ron McMonagle. He then swore in Morgan Brit Lee as New Brockton's new mayor.



Pictured above: Judge Gammill (right) congratulates Mayor Lee

## Lawsuit against City of Elba dismissed by federal judge

By Fern Cox, Publisher

U. S. Judge Harold Albrighton issued a ruling last week dismissing the discrimination lawsuit Reverend Hiron Williams filed against the members of the Elba City Council because they failed to honor his request to sell his church a portion of the old Elba High School. Former Mayor Ricky Haywood was not made a party of the suit because he recommended the City sell the facility to the church.

Williams' church is presently renting the old high school auditorium on a five year lease patterned after several others leases entered into by the city fathers. Lease payments started out at \$1.00 and moved up to \$5.00 after a couple of years. There was at least one more rent increase

during the five year period. Lessors had to do their own clean-up and repairs of any flood damage in the facilities.

After expending a considerable sum of money and labor preparing the building for church services, Reverend Williams requested the council sell his church the part of the building they were leasing, just as they had done to English Diversified. (The old gym was sold under the Wallace-Cater Act for industrial growth.)

A Motion for Summary Judgment was filed on July 29th, and plaintiffs (Williams) had until August 21st to respond. Albrighton wrote that plaintiffs did not respond by the deadline. The judge noted, "The evidence submitted by the Defendants in support of the Motion for Summary Judgment is unchallenged and shows that the Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the statute of limitations."

In his ruling, Judge Albrighton wrote "...the adverse party's response must set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial. If the adverse party does not so respond, summary judgment, if appropriate, shall be entered against the adverse party."

Judge Albrighton assessed all court cost against the plaintiffs, who had filed the lawsuit.

## Absentee ballots available

Coffee County Absentee Election Manager, Evelyn Hocutt, announced Tuesday that all absentee ballots for the General Election to be held November 5, have arrived.

The ballots can be obtained in Mrs. Hocutt's office located above the Probate Judge's office in the Elba Courthouse.

Applications are available in the Probate Office and the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise and also in the Election Manager's office in Elba.

Voters applying for absentee ballots must either hand deliver the

written request to the election manager personally or send the request through the U. S. Mail.

Mrs. Hocutt stated that according to the law, none but the applicants themselves can pick up a ballot. An application nor a ballot is accepted from anyone except the voter.

Because requests for ballots must be in writing, election officials urge voters not to wait until the last minute to apply.

The deadline to apply for the absentee ballots for the upcoming General Election is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 1996.

## Missing Person



A missing person's report has been filed with the Elba Police Department on Watson-Douglas (Doug) White Dove Wambles, age 41, of 206 North Reed Street, Enterprise (formerly of Elba).

Wambles was last seen in Elba on Wednesday, October 2, 1996, at 4:00 p.m., when he left his place of employment.

He was reported missing by a family member on Thursday, October 3.

Wambles is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs approximately 160 pounds, has a light beard with a mustache. His eyes and hair are dark brown.

He was last seen wearing khaki pants and a burnt orange shirt with a colorful tie.

The missing individual drives a 1992 Chevrolet black Cavalier, bearing a Montgomery County (AL) tag - 3AFJ521.

Anyone having any information concerning Wambles' whereabouts should contact the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or call the nearest law enforcement agency.

## \*\* HAPPENINGS \*\*

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. Elba Tigers are at home against Geneva; Kinston plays Straughn in Kinston; New Brockton is at home against Goshen; Brantley plays host to Prisco City and Zion Chapel has an open date. Kick-off time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

LINE DANCING & EXERCISE. There will be line dancing and exercise at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center each Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The fee for the teacher is \$3. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun.

DIABETES CLINIC. Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home will be offering educational classes on managing diabetes on the third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Classes will be held in the hospital cafeteria. For more information contact Cindy Murphy, CMD at 897-2257 ext. 250.

PTO SPONSORING. The Elba PTO is sponsoring the Fall Festival at the Elba Elementary School on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Black & Gold Show starts at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

FESTIVAL. The New Brockton Elementary School PTO will sponsor a Fall Festival on Thursday, October 17, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The concession stand will feature brunslick stew along with the traditional hot-dogs and cheese nachos. Local merchants have donated many items for the auction, which starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be plenty of games and prizes for all.

## Former Elbian manages respite home

Kelly S. Dickerson of Blackshear, Georgia (formerly of Elba, Alabama) has been hired as Director of Saillia Respite Home in Blackshear.

Mrs. Dickerson is the daughter of Reda and Jerry Sheffield. She is married to William E. Dickerson of Waycross, Ga.

The facility that Mrs. Dickerson will serve as manager/director in, is the first of the kind in South Georgia area. It is located in Pierce County and will serve eight counties in southern Georgia.

Kelly is very familiar with the "special need" of children and adults who will be served in this facility. She previously worked for the Ware County Board of Education as a Special Education teacher for three years.

The center will provide services to persons who are mentally retarded, ages six years and up. These individuals may stay in the home for a two week period each year. This will allow respite to the caregivers and assist in emergency situations.

As part of the Saillia Community Service Board network, the center's program is part of the Saillia Mental Health and Mental Retardation Substance Abuse provision.

The center is located at 311 Grady Street in Blackshear. It is

equipped with three full bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a spacious activity/family room, formal living room, formal dining room, and summer kitchen. This will actually serve as a home away from home for the clients.

Mrs. Dickerson is responsible for the center's day-to-day operations. She will be responsible for all operations and decisions concerning the home.

Along with the director's position, Kelly has been appointed to serve on the Crisis Network Management Team. There she will also be a staff of five fulltime and five part-time house parents. The home will have case managers, in crisis situations.

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